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EXPECT SPRING OFFENSIVE AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA;
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There were reports last summer that Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, and Albania wanted a showdown with Tito, but Soviet military representatives considered the Cominform forces inadequate for cleaning up the Balkans. Reports of spies now arriving in Belgrade unanimously claim that the postponed offensive will take place this spring and that the massing of troops on the Yugoslav border is already apparent.

Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria can put about 600,000 troops in action and will also utilize Greek partisan groups and the newly formed international brigade. The Yugoslav Army can put 400,000 men in action against the Cominform forces, but according to the estimates of Western observers the Yugoslav Army is not as well equipped as the Cominform forces, which continuously receive modern Soviet tanks and guns.

Leadership of the Hungarian Army has come into the hands of Moscow-trained Communist "military advisers" and the introduction of Russian-language command terminology is being prepared to facilitate Soviet technical control in the event of war.

The Cominform states are already trying to justify an offensive by creating border incidents almost daily. Last week, a Hungarian border patrol penetrated Yugoslav territory and shot a Yugoslav border guard. Upon receiving a protest note from Yugoslavia, the Hungarian government simply denied the entire incident, stating that no Hungarian fired a shot. The Hungarian reply acknowledged that there was shooting on the Yugoslav side of the border on the day mentioned, but Hungarian border guards claimed to "know nothing of the cause" of the firing. "The commotion in the Yugoslav press, concerning the alleged border incident," the Hungarian note stated, "is merely part of the accustomed Titoist provocative propaganda."

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While Tito is asking the aid of the West, Hungarian State Security Authority agents are intensifying their activity in Yugoslavia.

HUNGARY'S AIR DEFENSE NET BEING COMPLETED -- Munich, Hungary, 2 Feb 51

The repair and renovation of Hungary's air defense installations and the training of civilian defense personnel was begun last summer. Now that air defense regulations have been drawn up, the air warning network is being completed.

Numerous air defense observation and reporting stations have been established in western and central Hungary, all under Soviet direction. The role of these stations is not to avert possible air attacks against Hungary, but merely to take the necessary defensive measures in the event of penetration by a hostile air force in the direction of the USSR. Even in its air defenses, the role of Hungary is only to serve as an observation outpost for the USSR.

Simultaneous with the construction of the air warning stations, new Soviet air units are continuously arriving at Hungarian airfields. Toward the end of December a large number of jet planes arrived at the Papa airfield, which in 1948 was one of the first fields to be put in operating condition. Only Yak-9 pursuit and bombing units are stationed at Papa.

According to unconfirmed reports, the construction of radar monitoring stations was begun recently. The first radar station was erected near Szentgotthard, and is manned by Soviet personnel.

1,200-FORINT REWARD FOR FUGITIVES -- Munich, Hungary, 9 Feb 51

A reward of 1,200 forints per head has been set for the capture of persons trying to flee Hungary, to make the work of the AVO border guards more "conscientious." Border patrol has become a profitable business. Recently, a group of 36 men arriving for work on a forest were arrested by overzealous border guards. The men were released 10 days later.

WOMEN EFFECT SIK'S RELEASE -- Munich, Hungary, 2 Feb 51

The wives of party-line critics Endre Sik, formerly envoy to the US, and Elek Bolgar, formerly head of the political department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, recently conducted a campaign to effect the release of their husbands. Both women are Soviet citizens and energetic party members. Bolgar's wife is a Soviet colonel. As a result of their efforts, Sik was released, but the political department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is still headed by a party-line secretary named Rozsa.

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